

## G. O. P. LEADERS SEE NEW PARTY MOVE IN RALLY

Lincoln's Birthday To Be  
Political May-Day,  
Is Belief

BORAH TERMED LEADER  
OF INSURGENT PLANS

Reform Of Party From Inside  
Advocated By  
Speakers

(By the United Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Administration leaders are keeping close watch on preparations now being made for "Republican Progressive" rallies in a number of states in February. Most of the rallies are being planned for February 12th, Lincoln's birthday.

Republican observers believe that if there is really any serious move on foot to organize a third party movement for 1924, it will become apparent in these February meetings.

Will Drop Masks.

With Borah, La Follette, Norris and practically all the progressive "big guns" out making speeches on the day, it is only natural that some of the opinion that February 12th will be a sort of "Political May Day" in which all the progressive and radical elements within the party will drop their masks and reveal their ambitions in a true light.

Borah At Akron

One of the most significant of the Lincoln Day meetings will take place at Akron, Ohio, with Senator Borah as speaker.

The subject will be the necessity of re-dedication of the Republican party to the service of the people in a theme which will make party leaders here in Washington cock their ears and listen intently.

Reports received here indicate that the theme of virtually all of the forthcoming progressive rallies will be the same, "Reform the Republican party from the inside."

## HOMES WRECKED BY PLUNGING ROCK

Flimsy Cottages Go Down  
Like Ten Pins; Many  
Escape Injury

NICE, Dec. 25.—On Christmas eve, when inhabitants of the little village of Duranus near the Cote d'Azur were telling their children of the coming of Santa Claus, a terrible rumbling and crashing coming nearer and nearer down the mountain side was heard.

"It's Saint Claus" the children cried.

Many rushed out from a little school house where services were being held.

A huge ten-ton rock came plunging down the hill side, crushing everything in its path.

Like a juggernaut, it plowed through the little town, rolling at a hundred miles an hour, flimsy cottages went down like ten pins in an instant.

By what the villagers declare a miracle, no one was injured.

The great rock finally stopped in the dining room of a more substantial dwelling, while the sole occupant of the house slept unaware of his narrow escape.

Phillip Stein, Former  
Chicago Judge, Is Dead

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Philip Stein, former superior court judge, member of the board of education and one of the most prominent Jewish leaders in the Midwest, died here shortly after midnight. Death was due to heart disease. Stein became a national figure in 1921 when he went before Secretary of State Hay to plead the cause of the Jews who wished to return to Russia.

Man Believed 'Brains'  
Of Bandit Gang, Captured

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—O. J. Carlson, believed by the police to be the "brains" of the alleged gang of "modern bandits" who held the Tillman State Bank at Lodi for \$6,000, was under arrest today, following a three-day search by posse on the lonely Castle canyon district. He was captured near a "bootlegging cabin" alleged to have been the headquarters of the gang.

## Watch Your Teeth

Make it a habit to have your teeth examined regularly, for once you begin to feel the bones you will, the more pain and expense will be.

If your teeth need looking after (and you can't be sure without an examination) do not put off that visit to the dentist any longer.

KLEISER DENTISTS will repair work painlessly and efficiently, and Kleiser Prices are about one-half what other first class dentists charge.

Let me examine your teeth and give you an estimate as to the cost of having them fixed right. It will cost you nothing, and put you under no obligation.

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—Painless Dentist  
1031 J Street

—FRESNO

## High Honor Won



## MANIAC SLAYS 3 CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS TREE

HOLOCAUST family Gathering Is  
formed Into A  
shambles

MURDERER TURNS GUN  
UPON SELF, DIES

Parents And Two Children Es-  
cape Bullets Of Fiend;  
Believed Insane

SEATTLE (Wash.), Dec. 25.—Transforming a happy family Christmas party into a shambles, E. Newdier invaded the home of his old friend, D. C. Engel here this morning and shot three of Engel's children to death. He then turned the weapon upon himself and blew out his brains.

The dead are: Anna Engel, 17; Hans Engel, 14 and Lilly Engel, 3.

The elder Engel, his wife, a son and a daughter escaped.

No reason was ascribed for the act. The only explanation was that Newdier had suddenly lost his mind.

Members of the Engel family had just arisen and were gathering around their Christmas tree when the tragedy took place.

Girl Attempts Rescue

As Newdier entered the house uninvited and started firing, Anna Engel, the 17 year old daughter, made a heroic but futile effort to stay the madman.

"Drop those guns, I'm not afraid of you," she told him, throwing herself between her father and Newdier. Her head and body were literally riddled with bullets.

Family Horrified

The wanton killing was witnessed by the girl's father and mother, two brothers and a sister, who immediately broke for safety, it being impossible to do anything with the maniac. Newdier pursued them with fiendish determination.

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## ROTHMERE NOW IS NEWS MAGNATE

Younger Brother Of Lord Northcliffe Expands Business

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Lord Rothmere, the younger brother of Lord Northcliffe, has become the greatest publishing magnate that Britain has ever known. Weekly sales of the newspapers he controls now amount to \$6,000,000.

Before his brother's death Lord Rothmere joined the Daily Mirror, a popular newspaper with a daily circulation of nearly 1,500,000; the Sunday Pictorial, which does \$80,000; the Sunday Mail—which does \$80,000; the Weekly Record, which sells 500,000, and in all probability he will succeed in acquiring his brother's interest in the London Times.

**Publishes Magazines**  
Apart from these newspaper enterprises, Lord Rothmere holds the majority stock in the Amalgamated Press, which turns out more than 100 periodicals every week and controls £1,000,000. He is the chief shareholder in the Anglo- Newfoundland Development Company and the Imperial Paper Mills, and thus controls the world's greatest paper-making business.

Rothmere is almost unknown to the British public. He always preferred to remain in the background, while his brother was in the limelight. But his in the background made the solid fortunes of the family, while Northcliffe exercised his brilliant newspaper flair to the utmost.

**Dramatic Personality**  
Northcliffe was the great dramatic personality who saw visions, but Rothmere, behind the scenes, was the deep, calculating genius who tested out every scheme on its merits and ruthlessly threw out the bad. In this he saw no profit. Every plan of Northcliffe was subjected to the examination of the shrewd acumen and financial genius of Rothmere.

In appearance—only—the two brothers were singularly alike. Both were powerfully built, both of the stocky breed, but Rothmere was by far the more powerful physically. And then Northcliffe's face, just before the end, would wreath with smiles and gleam with good humor.

But his brother, with his bulk, bulk, iron jaw and unsympathetic expression, never relaxed for an instant, except in the very midst of his family. Northcliffe had something of the boy in him to the last. Rothmere, now, was but a boyhood. Just to those about him, but absolute, did he exude a sort of gentleness and completely ruthless in his methods.

Rothmere has only one test for everything that he puts his hand to—and that is, "Does it pay?" If no "good-night" to the man in charge!

No, a newspaper man like his brother, yet he plans still further invasions in the newspaper field, because he has strong ideas and means to have them realized.

He takes another evening paper in London and a picture paper in Glasgow. When he decides the time has come for their appearance he will throw all his wealth and energy into their production.

His one great creed in life is peace and national economy. When Britain recently was on the verge of war with Turkey, every one of his newspapers came out simultaneously with the same contents—bill and same flaming headline "Stop This New War!"

And every day, in every one of his newspapers, the most drastic economy in public expenditures is advocated and Rothmere will never relax his efforts until the British budget is cut down by at least one-half.

Solidness, concentration and ruthlessness are his watchwords. Soval, the great publishing firm of Hulton planned a sun picture newspaper. The same idea had been simmering in Rothmere's mind for some time. Hulton spent hundreds of thousands in advertising the new production. But Rothmere got out his Sunday picture newspaper one week ahead of Hulton's and gained the advantage of all his advertising.

His record in the war was a great one. Appointed head of the army clothing department, he quickly reorganized it from a cumbrous, slow-going institution into one of the most efficient business concerns in Britain. And then he became the first air minister and in a few months created the great British air force.

**Society Plans Cabaret For Orphans Of War**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—A holiday carnival, with debutantes waiting on the tables and taking part in the entertainment, will be given by certain members of San Francisco's society at the Fairmont Hotel January 2nd and 3rd for the benefit of the children of soldiers who were slain in the World War.

The carnival is being supported also by American War Veterans Association, San Francisco, consul of Belgium, France, England and Scotland, and city officials and other patriotic organizations.

Countess d'Amfreville of Paris, who has been here a fortnight, has been active in arranging the event. More than 100 society women are sponsoring it, including Madames William Huntley Taylor, Georges de Tourn, Leon Bequera, Rudolph Keppler, Daniel C. Jenkins, René P. Schaeffer, George Moore, Mrs. John Joseph Oliver Tobin, Dorothy May, Mrs. George M. M. Sloane, Charles S. Stanton, Edmund Colgate, Frank Johnson, Montford Willis, Mark Gerstel, Henry Foster Ingent, Arthur Ross, Vincent, Frederick McNear, and George D. Bond.

A Punch and Judy show, a midget contest and other carnival features will be among the features of the event.

**Dachshund Declared Not To Be A Luxury**

BERLIN, Dec. 25.—The dachshund, the elongated, underslung-nosed dog of Germany, is not a luxury. Tax officials have so ruled, collecting only the usual tax of 20 marks a year. The tax, however, must pay off all doge—ordinaries of itself. The additional luxury tax which is to be paid on practically all pedigree dogs is not collected. Berlin is one of the most non-populated cities in the world.

## New German Cabinet Members



Left to right, above: General Groener, minister of posts and telegraphs; Herr Hermann Müller, minister of defense; Chancellor William Cuno. Below: Dr. Augustus Herzen, minister of finance.

Speculation is rife these days in view to the reparations commission. International circles as to how long the present government of Chancellor William Cuno will remain in the saddle in Germany. It is believed that the new government's program will be based on the last ministry's.

## CHRISTMAS RUM FEDERAL TARGET

## FRUIT SHIPPING SERVICE PLANNED

Liquor Agents Round Up Numerous Consignments Of Yuletide Cheer

Western Refrigerator Line Organized; 2,000 Cars At Once

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Even the honored Christmas tree is not immune from the attacks of prohibition enforcement officers.

Late Saturday night the enforcement squad turned attention to the Ferries, and Enforcement Director C. H. Wheeler's men were working on the San Rafael-Richmond Ferry.

A belated Santa Claus was there in the shape of a motor truckman piloting an immense load of Christmas trees across the bay.

Santa Claus, "Copper Col."

The officers might have passed this by as a matter of course, and part of the holiday spirit, but there protruded from the end of the truck a long and dangerous looking pipe, which called for some inspection.

Within a few moments the federal men had unearthed other portions of a still.

Then they went looking for the driver, who appeared bored to nonchalance as he sauntered over to the truck and gazed at the offending copper coil.

Driver "Antelope."

"Now, what do you suppose that can be?" he asked, reaching out and grasping the still worm, firmly and giving a determined heave. It gave way and came free in his hands.

He backed over toward the light at the boat end as if to give the coil a better inspection, suddenly shifted and tossed the thing over the ferry stern, far out into the bay.

"What did you do that for?" demanded one of Wheeler's aides.

"Well, you've got nothing on me now," was the reply.

"Zatso; well, let's take a look, see!"

**Discover Brandy**

And in about three minutes the agents produced what they claimed was the remainder of the still and brandy, all of which had been concealed in the Christmas tree.

And they took the volunteer Santa Claus with them. He gave the name of Archie F. Fortino, Rich-

## AGED WOMAN DIES IN BATTING FIRE

Body Found Amid Gifts Is Mute Evidence Of Losing Fight

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—With outstretched arm resting upon a number of Christmas gifts, mute testimony that her last thoughts were in gratitude for the remembrance of son and friends, Mrs. Amy Hunt, 82, was found dead, her body badly burned. In her home at 1615 Treat Avenue, yesterday morning.

From the charred clothing of the dead and the condition of things in the room, it is believed that there had been a wire basket fire late Saturday night. Probably not a fire to distinguish others in the house.

Mrs. Hunt did not call for aid but fought the flames alone. Her clothes caught fire, and it is thought the effort was too great for one of her advanced years, and she succumbed to shock.

**Manager Finds Body**

Tracing the odor of burned charred, the state fire and the city of Mrs. Hunt seated in her chair, drawn up to a table on which her Christmas presents had been collected.

Deputy Coroner Frank E. Becker expressed the opinion that death was due more to shock than to the body burns. Becker learned that Mrs. Hunt had suffered from asthma and had been in the habit of taking medicine in the form of fumes to relieve congestion. He believes that the match that lit the fumes in the candle set fire to the wicker basket when tossed away.

There was evidence that Mrs. Hunt threw water on the basket blaze with a hand basin. But her clothing was ignited and she suffered serious burns. Nevertheless she struggled with the flames in silence, as Skinner, who occupies the adjoining apartment, heard no outcry.

**TAKEN UNDER WRIGHT ACT**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—The first woman to be arrested charged with violation of the Wright Act is Mrs. Esther Marchettini, 35, who operates a restaurant in Oakland.

Officers of the Oakland moral squad were arrested and made an instant arrest, after reports reached the Oakland Police Headquarters concerning alleged traffic in intoxicants at the restaurant, where the woman also resides.

The policemen say they found twenty gallons of wine and one quart of brandy. Mrs. Marchettini was held on \$200 bail for the police court hearing tomorrow morning.

**\$1.50 Per Second For Cuban Sugar Imports**

PHILADELPHIA (UPI), Dec. 25.—Every time the clock ticks off a second in Philadelphia, the import duty on Cuban sugar in the port puts \$1.50 into Uncle Sam's pocket according to the mercantile an-

Be Here Promptly at 9 A. M. Tomorrow!

Central California's Largest Dept. Store

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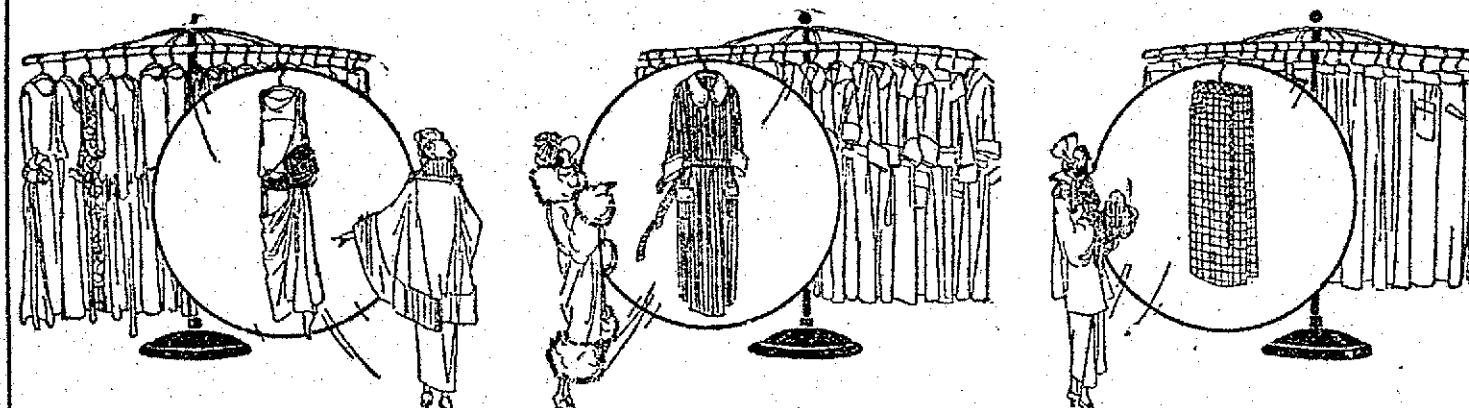
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Save Up to One-Half On Your Garment Purchase!

Tuesday, Dec. 26th—We Inaugurate A Sweeping Value Event In Our

# Year End Garment Sale!

Apparel that is as FASHIONABLE and SEASONABLE as it is EXCEPTIONAL IN VALUE. Reduced, as the price tickets plainly show, in many instances to one-half or less. This means (and the value-wise will appreciate this statement) that many models at each price are cut in price BELOW OUR ACTUAL BUYING COST, affording a purchasing opportunity almost without parallel. It is to your advantage to shop early and intensively TUESDAY MORNING.



**Smart Dresses**  
Originally  
Priced \$29.00 to \$35.00 **\$16.50**

Street and afternoon styles, made of fine Twills, Cords and Cantons, uniquely trimmed with braids, embroideries and self drapes—a most unusual reduction price

**Exclusive Dresses**  
In Many Modes  
Originally  
\$55.00 to \$79.00 **\$45.00**

Individually styled—interesting feminine—a group of dresses that will delight the well dressed woman at a most remarkable price reduction

**French Room Dresses**  
Originally  
\$135.00 to \$175.00 **\$89.00**

Including beautiful Imported Models—Dinner Gowns—Evening Gowns—street and afternoon frocks in a bewildering array of lovely styles, greatly reduced!

**Lovely Dresses**  
Originally  
Priced \$37.50 to \$52.00 **\$28.00**

Which means scores of clever afternoon and street dresses reduced to a most moderate price—a value event of consequence!

**Dresses For Special Wear**  
Originally  
\$85.00 to \$125.00 **\$69.00**

Indeed! Dresses so smart you will exclaim at the wonderful values depicted at their regular pricings! Reduced for Year End Sales

**Suits—Tomorrow!**  
Comprising the luxurious French Room Models—Direct Importations. Beautifully styled, fur trimmed suits in two and three piece effects—Finely made of beautiful fabrics—some elaborately embroidered—all suits silk lined

**25% Off On All Imported Blouses—Imported Sweaters Imported Silk Underwear**

This immense, noteworthy reduction includes many wonderful hand-made pieces, all directly imported:

**Women's Fibre Silk Sweaters**  
\$9.95

**All Over Blouses**  
Regular \$22.50 to \$42.50  
Sale Price \$17.95

**\$16.45 to \$31.45 \$6.95 to \$12.95**

**SMART WOOL SCARFS**  
Angora and Brushed Wool  
Sale Prices \$3.95 to \$7.95

Smart Tuxedo Sweaters in grey, orchid, jockey, yellow, white and navy.

**Year End Sale of Millinery**

Our entire stock of Winter Hats and Sport Styles at these two tremendously reduced pricings—

**\$3.95 \$6.95**

Smart Velours in Sport Tailored effects and elaborately trimmed winter hats of velvet and wool! The shopper will appreciate the many clever styles offered at these price concessions!



## SOCIAL NEWS

THE L. J. BULLARD home on the south bank of the San Joaquin River at the north end of Van Ness Avenue, will be the scene of a party during the Yuletide. Last evening forty friends who have not seen the Bullard home for several years were again the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bullard. This afternoon a dinner is being enjoyed by the house guests, who include Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bowtell and family of Visalia; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bowtell of Fresno; Mrs. Mabel M. B. Elmer of Bakersfield; Miss H. B. Elmer of Bakersfield and son, Elmerworth Elmer; Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Jordan of Woodland; Miss Marion Jordan and Allen Jordan of Woodland, and Mr. Lester of San Francisco and Paul Bullard, who is home from the University of California. Other guests at the dinner include Miss Margaret Morgan, Miss C. H. Hobart, Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Street and Pauline Tichner.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Stanfield are entertaining with a dinner this afternoon at their home. Their guests are Mr. and Mrs. George F. Stanford, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Scott Stanford of Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. James Barstow and son, Jimmie Barstow, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Collier and Mrs. J. F. Baxson.

Miss Jean Stevens will arrive to-night from her home in San Francisco and will be the house guest of Miss Anna Elbow during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Meux are entertaining the members of their family with dinner this afternoon at their home on U Street. Their guests include Miss Anne Meux, Dr. T. R. Meux, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Cooper, Mrs. H. B. Barbour, Jack and Richard Barbour, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Collins, Cooper Collins, Anna and Billy Meux.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Smith have as their house-guests during the holidays Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson, Matt, Earl, Roy, Liedel, Cyril and Paul Jorgenson of Clovisville; Mr. and Mrs. Shultz entertained with dinner last evening at their home on Kerkhoff Avenue and this afternoon the group will be guests of the Misses Metta and Marion Seberg.

Mrs. Burton Einstein and daughters, Laura and Roberta Einstein, are the house guests of Mrs. Louis Einstein and Miss Elsa Einstein.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Dobson and Miss Margaret Garrard entertained with a Christmas party Saturday evening at the Dobson home in Clovis. Their guests included Mr. and Mrs. John Herrell, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Keenan, Mr. and Mrs. L. Basmann, the Misses Coffey and Virginia Basmann, Ita Park and Misses J. J. Garrard, Vernon Burton, J. P. Durk, Leonard Johnson and his house guest, John Quinn of Big Springs, Texas.

Miss Ethel Hyde of Mill Valley arrived yesterday to remain during the week with Miss Margaret Garrard and Mrs. Dobson.

Mrs. Martha Bongel, who will leave next Sunday for Pachuca, Hidalgo, Mexico, where she will be principal of a private school in the American colony, was the guest of honor last Friday afternoon at a farewell party given at the Jefferson School by the members of the faculty. Those present included the Misses Mrs. Alice H. Argent, Mildred Barr, Katherine Barr, Margaret Hunt, Clara Mansell, Mabel Overholser, Irene Partlow, Dorothy Pierson, Susie Reed, Sallie Sledge, May Stevenson, Agnes Pamplin, Bertie Walls, Cora Wallace, Margaret Schreiber, Mesdames Eleazar Forrester and James Glynn and W. S. Schlein.

Mr. Otto Fischer will entertain with a bridge luncheon Wednesday afternoon at her home on El Monte Way. Those who have been invited to enjoy the hospitality of Mrs. Fischer are: Mesdames C. J. Bunting, J. H. Pettis, D. L. Zimmerman, G. W. Turner, A. C. Lester, Fred Nelson, Henry Johnson, C. L. Sheriff, J. L. Lee, Wallace Barr, G. E. Burwell, Charles Zoller, J. Fred Saucke, P. D. Blodow and W. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Liebhardt of 147 Vassar Street left last Friday for Alhambra, where they will pass

the holidays with Mrs. Liebhardt's sister, Mrs. C. Franklin Padan.

Judge and Mrs. M. K. Harris will leave this evening for Santa Cruz, where they will pass a few days at their place on the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Homer Howell and three children, Carolyn, Elizabeth and Webster Howell, are the house guests of Mrs. Bowtell this week. Miss Mary E. Webster, Miss Nancy Webster, is home from the University of California to pass the holidays with her parents also.

Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Donald P. Webster will entertain at her home with bridge in honor of Mrs. Bowtell.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore M. Stewart will leave to-morrow for San Francisco to be the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Steffen. When they return, the first of the year, they will take possession of their recently purchased home at 3843 Kerkhoff Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Emory Wilson are the hosts to the members of their immediate family to-day at their home on Wilson Avenue. Their guests include Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Cowan, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Elbow, Miss Cora Elbow and her house-guest, Miss Winona Jones of the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. C. R. Bonsel and Miss Martha Bonsel.

Miss Elbow will receive at a tea Wednesday afternoon at the home of her cousin, Mrs. A. Emory Wilson, the first of the year. Her mother and former college mate at the University of California.

Mr. James Porteous is presiding over a large dinner party this afternoon at her home on North Van Ness Avenue. Her guests include her children, the Misses Mary, Margaret and Arnes Porteous, the latter who is home from Miss Anna Head's School. William Porteous, of the Oregon Agricultural College, James, Mrs. John Porteous, Mr. and Mrs. John Bitchie, Miss Bell E. Bitchie, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Bitchie and Mrs. Marion Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Harvey have as their house-guests for a short time their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Brodie Gilman of New York City, and their nephew and nieces, Mrs. Mark Leeward of San Francisco. Next week Mrs. Gilman is planning to return to their home in the East next Wednesday. Next Summer during the months of June, July and August, Mrs. Gilman will be in Los Angeles where she will study voice culture with Yeatman Griffith. This is the first time that Yeatman Griffith has consented to leave New York to give lessons and doubtless the trip will be a financial success. She will take advantage of this opportunity and will go to Los Angeles to study with him.

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Increase Of 110,000 Street Car Passengers Over November, 1921

The traffic report of the Fresno Traction Company for the month of November, made public to-day by A. Devereaux, superintendent of the company, shows an increase of over 110,000 in the number of passengers carried, compared with the same month in 1921.

There were 735,472 passengers carried on six lines during the month, as compared with 624,645 in November, 1921. The line showing the largest increase was that on Wilson Avenue, with 159,388 passengers carried, against 96,511 in 1921, or an increase of 62,871. This was due in large measure, Devereaux stated, to the number of high school students carried, but a definite increase is noted aside from the number of students.

The number of passengers carried on the other lines follow, the 1921 figure in parentheses: Elkhorn, 64,152; 59,751, increase 5,581; Fresno Street and F Street, 120,964; 125,945, increase 5,001; Blackstone Avenue, 155,470; 170,510, increase, 15,370; Roeding Park, 95,382; 104,440, increase, 14,058; Roosevelt Street, 92,000; 106,039, increase, 12,672.

Devereaux said, "We were away from a trip to the north, the report not being made public until his return.

Deputies Are Named By County Auditor-Elect

County Auditor-elect W. H. Bunting has announced the appointment of two deputies, who will go into office with him on January 1. They are W. L. Hills, now chief justice under Sheriff W. F. Jones, and Miss Loren Bush, who for some time has been employed by the Sheriff in its local auditing department.

The two deputies under the present auditor, E. A. Moyer, who will be retired, are W. S. Edwards and Mrs. Florence Brooks. Charles Lowery, chief deputy, will be continuing in that position.

THESE girls will help entertain at the Bee carriers' stag dinner Wednesday. They are, from left to right, Dorothy Shannon, Jeanne Kuhlke, Dorothy Tibbets, Mildred Mackey and Charlene Purdy.

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Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Donald P. Webster will entertain at her home with bridge in honor of Mrs. Bowtell.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore M. Stewart will leave to-morrow for San Francisco to be the house guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Steffen. When they return, the first of the year, they will take possession of their recently purchased home at 3843 Kerkhoff Avenue.

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# Churches Are Filled For Christmas Observance

SERVICES in commemoration of the birth of Christ have filled the Fresno churches to overflowing this holiday season. They began last Friday with children's festivals and Christmas trees in many Sunday Schools and are continuing throughout Christmas week.

Christmas observance began in many churches with Christmas Eve music. The First Congregational Church held a vesper service at which the organist, Paul Taylor, directed an augmented choir and Joseph Koss played violin solos. The Joseph Koss played violin solos. The congregation joined in singing well known Christmas hymns.

At the First Armenian Presbyterian Church was held a special Christmas service of music last night, given by the church choir and an orchestra. The Pilgrim Armenian Church celebrated Christmas Eve with holy communion service at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

#### Midnight Service

A solemn service of holy communion was held at midnight at St. James' Pro-Cathedral, and there were services also at St. John's Catholic Church. St. Alphonsus' Church had a midnight mass and the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption held a midnight mass.

The children of the church of The Brothers presented a Christmas program to the elders at the morning service yesterday and a Christmas cantata, entitled "The King," was given at the evening service, under the direction of Mrs. S. W. Fike.

The Sunday school of Memorial Baptist Church gave a program of music and recitation at the morning service yesterday.

#### Midnight Observance

The Swedish Mission Church celebrated Christmas with the historical Jul Ottu service early this morning, with special music by the choir and a Christmas sermon by the pastor.

Young people of First Methodist Church arose with the dawn of this morning and proceeded to houses where they sing, to sing Christmas carols.

An elaborate morning service was conducted at the Danish Lutheran church this morning, with a Christmas message by the pastor and a musical program.

The Catholic children of the city will have their Christmas treats and joy in the church schools on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Watch services are being planned by the various young people's societies of Fresno for New Year's Eve.

Christmas season services in the Westminster Presbyterian Church began Friday evening, when the Sunday school classes presented a cantata, "Santa to the Rescue," in which sixty children participated, and were joined yesterday morning and evening with the church services by the pastor, Rev. Almon Carter, and anthem and solo singing.

At the morning services, Raber preached on "What Think Ye of Christ?" Christmas time, he said, marked the birthday of Christ and is next to Easter, if next at all, to the greatest day the world commemorates. The choir gave the anthem, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," and Mrs. W. F. Leavitt was

At the evening services Mrs. A. W. Bernbauer supplied the solo. The subject of the sermon was Christmas Joy.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR PRESENT RITUAL

Christmas Is Observed With Toasts And Short Addresses

The Knights Templar of Fresno Commandery No. 29 observed Christmas this morning in the regular ritual of the order under the direction of Eminent Commander John Silas Canham. The observance was open to the public and there was a small audience.

A toast, "The Spirit of Templarism," was delivered by Sir Knight Ben B. Walker. This was followed by a toast, "Retrospection," by Sir Knight G. P. Cummings. A toast on "The Duties of Templar Joseph" was given by Eminent Sir Joseph Philip Bernhard.

The sentiment for the Christmas observance was read by Eminent Commander Canham. A response followed by Eminent Sir John Charles Ferger.

The musical program consisted of two vocal solos by Miss Hazel Hayes and a solo by E. H. Leonard. Mrs. Hazel Arnold presided at the organ.

## CHRISTMAS MAIL HEAVY THIS YEAR

Kids Kringle is using the mails this year much more than his more picturesque but less practical reindeer, says Postmaster George W. Turner. The Fresno post office is handling a business for the holidays that threatens to be a record, and the gross amount to-day is

is about 10 percent greater than last year.

Forty additional men are required to handle the Christmas business of the week.

The post office is making one complete delivery to-day,

but it will take many of the men the entire day to complete their run.

Paraphrasing Turner's quote:

"We'll stay with it till the job's done."

The post office was kept open until noon.

Leo O. Gross, who has been foreman of mails, takes over the desk of assistant superintendent of mails to-morrow, succeeding If Bryant Ashford, who is leaving Uncle Sam to engage in private business.

Charles Morton takes the post-made vacant by the promotion of Gross.

### Over 150 Homes Made Happy By Elks Club

More than 150 Fresno homes were made brighter to-day through the ministrations of the Elks Club.

Although the order is not about much of the work it did receive the spirit of Christmas into the homes of persons who otherwise would miss the visit of Santa Claus.

It was learned to-day that the Elks' committee carried Christmas into many homes.

Five Elks have been busy for more than a week with a fund of \$1,000 and scores of orders for blankets, provisions, food and winter clothing have been distributed.

In many instances the fuel and provisions were delivered direct to the recipient, and in other cases orders were given for articles.

### Firemen Receive Gift Of \$25 For Relief Fund

A Christmas present of \$25 was received to-day by the Fresno Fire Department from J. B. Wheeler, proprietor of a local hardware store, who in this way expressed his appreciation of the work of the fire department in extinguishing a blaze in his place at Tehama and Kearney Avenues some time ago. The money will go to the firemen's relief fund, it was announced.

Members of the fire department held an impromptu Christmas surprise party at English House No. 2 on Saturday, for Mrs. Bettie C. Adams, executive clerk of the department. Mrs. Adams was presented with a wrist watch by the men of the department, the presentation speech being made by Captain E. M. Packard.

### Constable Declines To Guard Coffins At Night

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—Ira Dorsey, constable of the 31st District, has informed Justice of the Peace Martin that he is unable to guard an attachment of caskets at the Elroy Manufacturing Company, 409 South Jefferson Avenue, after nightfall, because his deputy declines to stay on duty. Therefore, he locks the door each evening and resumes guard when daylight comes.

The choir of the First Methodist Church applied for admission to jail at 7 o'clock this morning and was locked up for a half hour. The choir sang carols and the members visited among the inmates.

The Young People's Society of the Seventh Day Adventist Church invaded the jail at 3:30 o'clock this morning and left a generous Christmas package with each prisoner.

There were a number of elderly individuals who played Santa Claus anonymously at the jail to-day.

The usual daily jail menu was served in the dining hall.

Two hundred and fifty poor kiddies had the time of their lives at the annual Christmas spread of turkey dinner and toy distribution given by the Fresno Ad Club Saturday at the Hotel Fresno. The picture shows the children feasting on plum pudding while Santa Claus (standing near the tree) is dispensing presents. The dinner was given from the proceeds of the Ad Club Charity Ball.



## CHILDREN MADE HAPPY BY AD MEN

### Arrangements Made For 150, But 250 Are Given

Turkey

The charity committee of the Fresno Advertising Club made arrangements to dispense 150 needy children at the Hotel Fresno Saturday.

Places were set for that many until noon arrived, more than 300

appeared ready for the fun.

The old clowns, however, gave up their seats at the table and 250 of the youngsters were made happy by feasting on turkey, plum pudding and everything else.

Arrangements were made to all the little girls.

Hardings Celebrate Christmas Quietly

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—President Harding and Mrs. Harding celebrated Christmas very quietly.

On orders from Brigadier Gen.

General Sawyer, the president's private physician, Mrs. Harding refrained from all activity for fear

that she would have a recurrence

of the serious illness that almost

resulted in her death during the summer.

Christmas dinner was scheduled for early in the afternoon. A little company of personal friends will dine with the Hardings. If Mrs. Harding's condition permits, she will join her guests at dinner. General Sawyer said.

The following women assisted in seating and serving the kiddies:

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## FIREMEN PLEDGE THEIR LOYALTY

Commissioners Pleased By  
Resolutions Given  
To Chief

Members of the Fresno City Fire Commission to-day expressed their satisfaction over the action of the fire department members Saturday in signing a resolution assuring Chief Thomas A. Baird of the department's loyalty and co-operation. Chief Baird himself said the assurances of loyalty from the entire personnel of the department mean a united fire fighting force, and promise a spirit among the men that will mean a more effective battle against fire losses in the city.

The resolution pledging the men's loyalty to the new chief, signed by 100 per cent of the fire department, was presented to Baird yesterday by a committee consisting of Captain John Sears of Engine Company No. 5 and Lieutenant Edward Hamm of Engine No. 2. It bore the names of 147 firemen.

The resolution follows:

"The undersigned officers and members of the Fresno Fire Department, believing that the best interests of the fire department could be served by a vote of confidence to our superior officers, and by this means to assure them of our loyalty and earnest co-operation to the end that our department may be built up second to none:

"We further wish to offer our service in all other undertakings to win for Fresno the Thomas Ace trophy for fire prevention."

## Realty Board Program Centers About Humphrey

The Fresno Realty Board is, in stang phrase, "laying for" its secretary, Harvey Humphrey, who last week sent the members a letter notifying them that by the time it had been received he would be in San Francisco on his honeymoon. The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday noon as usual this week, but nothing will be allowed to interfere with the board's program, but it is rumored in real estate circles that the events of the honeymoon will center largely about the returned secretary.

No program other than that intended as a reception had been announced to-day, but President Herbert Levy said that the program committee is planning to have a speaker on a subject that is of more than passing interest to Realtors.

## County Teachers' Exams Will Begin To-morrow

The county board of education will be in session all this week, beginning to-morrow morning, to conduct the semi-annual teachers examination, which will be held in the office of County Superintendent of Schools Clarence W. Edwards.

Only four have signified their intention of taking the examinations, but several others may appear at the opening session to-morrow morning.

The examinations are taken for the purpose of securing grammar school certificates and a standing of less than 75 per cent in one or more arithmetic or composition or 50 per cent in any other subject shall be considered sufficient cause for refusing to issue a certificate.

## HONEYMOONERS Hit Trail Too Fast; Are Fined

WOODLAND, Dec. 25.—Honeymooners may be oblivious to time and space in poetry, but on the highway, when proceeding through Woodland, they must keep their minds on the speedometer, according to the decision of Judge Henry Scott of Woodland, who fined Walter E. McQuire, a young San Francisco realtor, with offices at 100 Montgomery Street, \$10 extra for speeding through that town on the first lap of his wedding journey to Mexico.

Miss Tess J. Riley, daughter of a San Francisco contractor, is the bride and the couple were hurrying to San Francisco, Sacramento, where they had been invited by Bishop T. J. Keane in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

They had fled from San Francisco where the parents were planning an elaborate wedding and were beginning an automobile tour of California and Mexico. McQuire is 23 and his bride 21.

## HONEYMOON IS IMPROVED

H. C. Smith, 100 Montgomery Street, who has been seriously ill at the Burnett Sanatorium, was reported to-day to be much improved after passing a restful night.

## News From Bay District

Auto Theft Get \$250. Two automobile bandits, armed with revolver, held up and robbed Hugh Bassett, 1103 Larkin Street, of \$20, at Grove and Gough Streets, San Francisco as he was going home, early in the morning.

Thieves Plunder Home—Jewels valued at \$1,000 were stolen from the home of H. V. Tellez, 225 San Leandro Way, San Francisco yesterday. Tellez found the glass panel of his front door smashed upon his return shortly after midnight and discovered the house had been ransacked.

Masons' Install Master—Johnson Leder, No. 495, Free and Accepted Masons of San Francisco installed Milton Meyer, master, presented Lemuel H. R. Roberts, the retiring master, with a past master's jewel and entertained a gathering of more than five hundred later at a banquet.

Legion Elects Heads—George Washington Post, American Legion of San Francisco, elected officers as follows: W. R. Gees, vice commander; A. H. Boche, vice commander; R. G. Walcott, second vice commander; John Maddox, adjutant; J. V. Taylor, assistant adjutant; Comptroller Weinstein, Sterling, Veterans' Marshal and Chick, Ward of governors.

Cash Drawer Riffled—Two armed men entered the Burlington Hotel, 1915 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, yesterday and seized the cash drawer. Max Juras, to raise his hands, told one of them that the teller had just closed the drawer and was unable to make any resistance, and the two men, armed with a pistol and a shotgun, fled. Juras, a guest of the hotel, obtained a description of the two robbers.

Brass Knuckles Bested—One of two holdup men wearing brass knuckles was bested by Dr. Henry P. Lovell, 1001 Polk Street, San Francisco, yesterday. The three unidentified robbers, who had been identified as being members of the gang of Dr. Lovell of 1001 Polk Street, had held the two and the holdup was caused to be checked by the police on the failure of the holdup gang to extract through the main door of the bank, which guards the entrance.

Some Triumph, Won—Friends of Alice Alice McGuire, San Francisco, one of the many daughters, are congratulating her on the recent success of her first stage play. One of her first plays is still popular among the Londoners. Mrs. McGuire was born in Siskiyou, Calif., and is the daughter of Mrs. McGuire, a former actress. She received her musical education in the United States, the world and India. She is the daughter of the late Adela Loyal of that city.

Transportation To Be Theme—Fresno Smith of the United States, San Francisco, will direct the San Francisco climate

## Venizelos Attends



# Tomorrow Morning at 9 o'Clock Begins THE GREAT JANUARY CLEARANCE SALES The GRAND'S BIGGEST MONEY-SAVING SALE

## The Grand Department Store

CASH AND ECONOMY



1820 TULARE STREET

## \$1300 Worth of Corsets Given Away FREE

With every purchase of a coat, suit or dress up to \$10, a \$2 pair of corsets free.

With every coat, suit or dress up to \$15, free a \$3.75 pair of corsets.

With every coat, suit or dress up to \$20, free a \$5 pair of corsets.

With every coat or dress sold up to \$30, free a \$7 pair of corsets.

With every coat or dress sold over \$30, an \$8 or \$12 pair of corsets free.

We are giving away FREE 52 pairs of corsets that formerly sold up to \$2.

39 Pair of corsets that formerly sold up to \$3.75

67 Pair of corsets that formerly sold up to \$5

37 Pair of corsets that formerly sold up to \$7

58 Pair of corsets that formerly sold up to \$8 and \$12

Every corset given away is fresh, clean and without a blemish from best known makers—front or back closing—long or short skirted—YES, FREE, AS INDICATED ABOVE.

## DRESSES

SILK AND WOOL DRESSES, values \$6 and \$9—in Crepe de Chine, Canton crepes, tricotines and serges \$4.90

A pair of \$2 corsets free with each sold.

TRICOTINE AND POIRET TWILL, Canton crepe and satin faced cantons—regular \$11.50 to \$15 values for \$8.90

A pair of \$2 corsets free with each sold.

SILK AND WOOL DRESSES, the very finest Poiret twills, tricotines and Canton crepes, some extra sizes, \$29.50 to \$35 values \$20.90

A pair of \$7 corsets free with each sold.

COATS  
Drastically Reduced

POLO COATS, values to \$15—in dark and medium shades—some lined and some half \$7.85

A pair of \$2 corsets free with each sold.

95 clever cloth coats with wonderfully fine fur collars, some coats handsomely lined—values to \$19.75.... \$11.85

A pair of \$3.75 corsets free with each sold.

Exceptionally fine coats, values as high as \$39.75—some plumes included.... \$23.85

A pair of \$7 corsets free with each sold.

SUITS  
A most wonderful lot of them—and it's too bad there are just 25; in mixtures, and all in desirable colors and patterns, values up to \$25.... \$8

A pair of \$2 corsets free with each sold.

And a most marvelous lot of just 19 suits, in navy, black, and brown tricotine and Poiret twill; some tailored, all lined, values to \$30.... \$18

A pair of \$5 corsets free with each sold.

This is by far one of the greatest sales ever held in Fresno. It is the Grand's first great sale. Every single statement contained herein may be absolutely relied upon as usual. We have not made any promises that we cannot keep.

The doors open promptly at 9 o'clock, and you'll find the most unusual bargains you have ever found at any sale any place any time. There are stupendous bargains in all kinds of women's coats, suits, dresses, skirts, house dresses and accessories—shoes for men, women and children—men's and boys' suits and overcoats—trunks, suit cases and traveling bags, men's and boys' caps and hats, neckwear, underwear and furnishings of all kinds—and hats for women and girls. In fact, every single department in our store has contributed specials—specials of such great importance—that we cannot tell you all about them in this one announcement.

## A Tremendous Sale of SHOES

We have over 1000 pairs of shoes that will go in this sale—shoes of the highest type, shoes that you couldn't possibly buy elsewhere or even here at ordinary times for three times their sale prices. All good shoes. It will do well to buy two and three pair at a time.

## 775 Pair of Women's and Children's Shoes

Values to \$5, as Follows:

Shoes for dress for children  
Shoes for dress for women  
Play shoes for children  
School shoes for children  
High shoes for women  
Low shoes for women  
Skuffers for children  
Short lines and broken lines

\$1

750 pair of men's, women's and children's shoes, values to \$7, including complete lines of all sizes and short lines of our best sellers—marked at just one price for quick clearance.

Men's dress shoes

Women's oxfords

Women's pumps

\$2

WOMEN'S HIGH SHOES WITH  
MILITARY HEELS

BOYS' SHOES

GIRLS' SHOES

And a grand clearance of all  
Winter Hats

Every single Winter hat in our vast stock must go tomorrow—regardless of former price, of newness of styling or other considerations. All grouped at just 5 prices

29c hats that formerly sold up to \$1.47  
\$2.29 hats that formerly sold up to \$5  
\$3.39 hats that formerly sold up to \$7.00  
89c hats that formerly sold up to \$2.95  
\$1.19 hats that formerly sold up to \$3.95  
\$6.66 hats that formerly sold up to \$15.00

## SKIRTS At Big Price Reductions

25 Novelty cloth skirts—while they last..... \$1.66

Just 50 lovely novelty English tweeds and cloths, values up to \$6 will simply fly at.... \$3.33

Our regular \$9.75 values in fine Prunella cloth skirts, in beautiful patterns, will go at.... \$4.44

50 of our very finest skirts in beautiful, patterned cloth, values up to \$15, will go at just \$6.66

SATEEN  
PETTICOATS  
\$1 values at 69c

These have the flowered flounces—and are a wonderful grade of sateen, specially underpriced for immediate clearance tomorrow—and all this week. Don't fail to see these.

Women's bath robes \$3.89

Soft, fine woolly and fleecy Beacon bath robes for women have been given this drastically low clearance price for tomorrow and all the week. Values as high as \$5.95

Flannel and crepe night gowns, \$1.19

A beautiful quality, a finely made nightgown, regular values up to \$1.75—will go like mad—the moment women see them. Yes, sale starts tomorrow.

We Urge Your Early  
Attention  
Sale Opens Sharp  
at 9 Tomorrow  
Do Not Delay But  
Be Here Early

# AFTER CHRISTMAS GARMENT SALES

open at **The Wonder** tomorrow  
 Women's Apparel—Exclusively  
 FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

*promptly at 9 o'Clock with tremendous savings in the entire garment sections*

We have gone through our stocks--and taken some of our finest coats, suits, and dresses--and put prices upon them that will sell them on sight. Every garment is the present season and offers months of service. Prices are far below usual.

## COATS

*Handsome fur trimmed or plain ones*

### drastically repriced

We have taken some of our highest type coats—and put these low prices on them—coats—rich of fabric and intrinsic beauty.

Group 1—\$25  
On Sale

\$45 Group 2—\$55 Group 3—  
On Sale A Wonderful lot of coats

Group 4—  
Exquisite Coats, On Sale \$85

Every single coat was a much higher price—but drastically repriced during the Garment Sale. Many higher priced ones also reduced.

### The Wonder DOWNSTAIRS STORE

All our higher priced

## COATS IN STOCK

regardless of cost or former  
values on sale tomorrow at

Every single higher priced coat—none reserved—has been placed in this price grouping. Whether it originally cost us \$24.75 or whether it was \$35 in our own stock—we have given it this drastically reduced price to-morrow.

There are handsome fur trimmed coats; embroidered and stitched coats; brown and blue and black coats; silk lined coats; plain cloth coats; plush coats; priced for immediate disposal.

## SUITS

at two prices—

Yes, those fine tailors—so markedly distinctive—of navy tricotines and Poiret twills—with the tailored notched collars—the fine finish and workmanship, that only the hand tailored suits bear—yet priced in the Garment Sales for quick disposal.

\$38  
\$48

And those handsome two-piece suits—of fine fabrics—finished with a sureness of precision—a fineness of detail—that instantly proclaim them as the unusual—as the high type. Yet, to-morrow you will find them on sale at but

## Every WINTER HAT

in stock has been reduced to

\$5

Think of it just \$5—for beautiful velvet hats that earlier in the season claimed a much higher price. Why, here at \$5 are hats from which you will easily obtain three more months of wear. Hats handsomely trimmed—good hats, all of them, but they must go—and go regardless of their former price. To-morrow they are but \$5.

## DRESSES

*Dinner and afternoon wonderful ones*

### regrouped and remarked

Here are dresses that will amaze you with their beauty—their newness and quality, but they must go—and quickly.

Group 1—Silk and Cloth \$25 Group 2—Beautiful—and \$35  
Dresses, at costly dress

\$45 Group 3—Radically reduced \$55 Group 4—Deeply under-priced

And many of our higher priced dresses are also included in this sale—not mentioned here. A dress opportunity of months awaits you.

### The Wonder DOWNSTAIRS STORE

One of the biggest shoe events of the year—

A sale of smart,

## NEW SHOES

at

\$5

No broken lines—no odds and ends, but all new up-to-the-minute shoes. Values heretofore never attempted in our shoe section.

### The Wonder DOWNSTAIRS STORE

## 100 Fine silk and CLOTH DRESSES

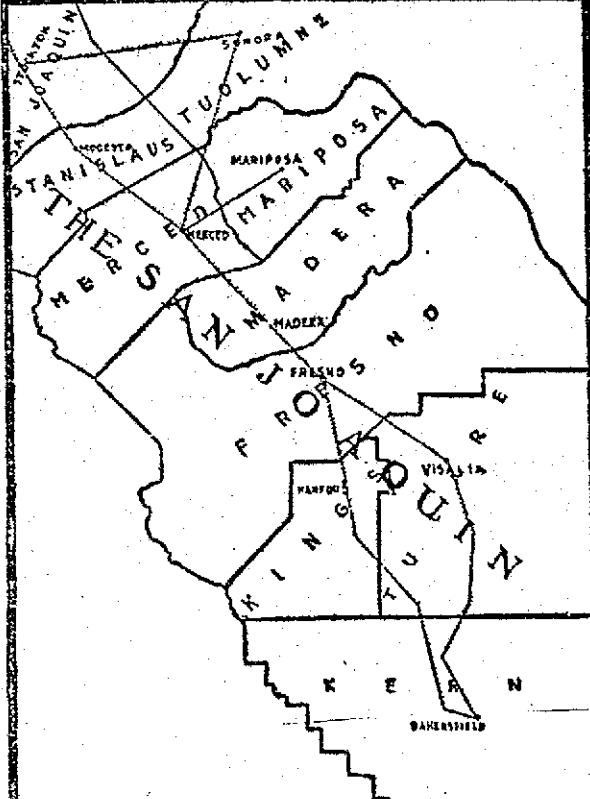
repriced for immediate  
sale tomorrow

The first group comprises—dresses that are worth up to \$15. Here are silks, and velveteens and tricotines of the finest sort—some embellished with embroideries; some with contrasting colors—all wonderful—and all going at just . . . . .

The second group is a surprise group containing some of the loveliest dresses ever shown in the down stairs store. In fact there are values in this group that were as high as \$25. Beautiful dresses—newly styled dresses, and yet on sale at . . . . .

\$975

\$15



BY BEE  
BUREAU

# THE FRESNO BEE

SAN JOAQUIN  
VALLEY NEWS

# SAN JOAQUIN NEWS

FRESNO, CAL., MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1922

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## HOLIDAY SPIRIT RULES VALLEY CHRISTMAS DAY

Children Celebrate Around  
Mammoth Tree At  
Livingston

LIVINGSTON (Merced Co.), Dec. 25.—More than 2,000 residents of Livingston and the surrounding country celebrated Christmas festively last night around a mammoth Christmas tree decorated and highly illuminated, which had been erected in the square near the rail road depot at Livingston.

Thirty minutes before the dedication of the tree, there was a concert by the Livingston Band. J. W. Landram, general chairman of the occasion, made a brief opening address and Rev. E. Haigh of the Methodist Church pronounced the invocation. A song by the Livingston school children followed and after a vocal selection by the Methodist choir of twelve voices, Rev. Van Dyke Tordt made a five-minute talk on the Christmas spirit.

Then Santa Claus arrived with a sleigh drawn by two spirited white horses and handed out 500 boxes of presents to the children.

Those who helped to make the affair a success included: J. W.

Landram, chairman of the occasion;

Mrs. G. H. Wilson and Mrs. E. B.

Kemper, officers of the parent-teacher association, who had charge of filling the boxes; Robert A. Hill, superintendent of the Livingston schools; and A. A. Herrington, who saw to the business of lighting the tree. J. W. Landram and C. G. Davis brought the tree down from the top last Sunday.

One hundred citizens carried all the books in the library out of the building before they had been harmed.

## BANK BUILDING AT LEMOORE IS SCENE OF FIRE

LEMOORE (Kings Co.), Dec. 25.—A defective fire yesterday was the cause of a fire in the business district here which did damage today estimated by Fire Chief T. P. Thomson at \$2,500.

The flames started on the second floor of the First National Bank Building, occupied by Lon Morris as an apartment house. Fire and water damage to this floor, coupled with water damage in the bank rooms on the lower floor amounted to \$1,500. Damage to the G. B. Phillips furniture establishment, the stable library, in the same building, amounted to \$1,000. This latter damage was principally due to water.

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## Japanese From Dinuba Leaps 12 Stories To Death

SEVILLA (Tulare Co.), Dec. 25.—Believed by Japanese friends and associates to have been mentally deranged, M. Fukani, until Friday employed as a laborer on the C. B. Driver Ranch, Saturday leaped to his death from the twelfth story of the Hobart Building in San Francisco. The street was crowded with Christmas shoppers who viewed the leap.

The deceased is survived by a cousin, A. Minamoto, who is employed in the Weed Patch district of Kern County.

Newman Dairymen Held  
On Intoxication Charge

NEWMAN (Stanislaus Co.), Dec. 25.—M. V. Machado, a dairymen living on the Chris Lanson Place, a mile north of here, was bound over to answer in the superior court to charges of driving an automobile while intoxicated. Machado, appeared on bonds J. P. Blackwell's court Saturday on charges preferred by Special Officers J. Kessell and W. Martin of Modesto. He was released on bail pending action by the superior court.

According to the arresting officer, Machado was driving an automobile without lights and apparently was under the influence of liquor when arrested. Later Constable W. G. Nease and the officers made a raid on the Lanson Ranch and reported that they found a large still in operation, with ten gallons of liquor and a quantity of fig and grape mash on the place.

Machado's car is being held by the officers.

Railroad Donates  
Land So Death Curve  
May Be Eliminated

SELMA (Fresno Co.), Dec. 25.—The Southern Pacific Company yesterday announced the donation of twenty feet of its right of way south of town to widen the notorious death curve, where seven high speed train wrecks have failed to protect passengers. The change from the original was made of a meeting of the board of directors and stockholders in the room of the president of the company.

Modesto Matron Dies,  
Leaving Infant Girl

PATTERSON Rainfall Is  
Benefit To Growers

YOUTH WHO ROBBED  
GOOD SAMARITAN HELD  
ON THREE CHARGES

BICYCLES  
ARE A  
REAL XMAS GIFT  
FOR THE  
BOY OR GIRL

HANFORD Chinese Held  
On Narcotic Charge

CONCRETE AT DINUBA

EXETER SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT

COALINGA PROGRAM TODAY

FORMER POLITICAL LEADERS  
DIES IN KERN COUNTY

MAN WANTED IN VISALIA

E. E. BOZEMAN'S  
567 TULARE ST.  
PHONE 2011

## WATER TRAGEDY CLAIMS A YOUTH FROM MARIPOSA

Mark Smith, 21, Is Drowned  
In Slough Near Sacramento  
While Hunting

MARIPOSA (Mariposa Co.), Dec. 25.—Christmas for Mrs. L. M. Cathay of this city was changed from a time of feasting and good cheer to one of sorrow, the accidental death of Mark Smith, her grandson, who is well known here, being the cause. The youth, just 21 years old, was drowned in a slough near Sacramento late Saturday when a duck boat was capsized and he was thrown into the water to his death.

Mrs. Cathay left here yesterday immediately upon receipt of the news of the tragedy.

The deceased was born and reared in this county and was a graduate of the local schools.

SONOMA (Sonoma Co.), Dec. 25.—Violent gales were here yesterday manifested throughout the country. In the trial of Giacomo Di Pernia, of Groveland, who is on trial in the superior court before Judge T. B. Warner on a charge of violating the county's prohibition enforcement ordinance, the trial which opened Friday will be resumed Wednesday. De Farrall for years conducted saloon at Groveland. His arrest at the time he was captured was custody by a special operation sent out by the county, who was in the place in which he conducted his saloon before prohibition became effective.

H. B. Howe, one of the operatives,

testified to the purchase of liquor

in the De Pernia place. He was

under cross-examination when the case was adjourned until after Christmas.

## Truck Bears Carol Singers Through Selma Streets

SELMA (Fresno Co.), Dec. 25.—George S. Tinsley, pastor of the Christian Church, headed a band of twenty choir members who sang carols on the Selma streets this morning from 8 to 9 o'clock.

The choir drove through the streets on a truck, on which was mounted an organ. Later they were the guests of W. Bled Gour-

man at breakfast.

FORMER SALOON  
KEEPER FACING  
LIQUOR TRIAL

Case Of Groveland Man To  
Be Resumed Wednesday;  
Interest Widespread

SAN JOAQUIN (Fresno Co.), Dec. 25.—William Dent and John Macseniti, both of Burrell, were killed when their automobile ran off a levee and into the water, two miles north of Helm, on the San Joaquin-Burrell Highway. The bodies were found at 7 o'clock this morning by Henry Eckenrode, who was passing along the highway.

From the condition of the bodies it was evident that they had been in the water for several hours, and it is thought probably the accident occurred last night.

Both Dent and Macseniti are well known dairymen of the Burrell district. They had been in San Joaquin Saturday on business and had been to town, but no one knows at what hour they began the return trip.

The two men were approximately 45 years of age, and both were un-

married. They had been residents of the Burrell district for several years.

Water Very Shallow

Massey was found with his face crushed into the mud by the weight of the car. His body was only two or three inches in depth, it is according to anenturage given by the coroner, who also said Dent apparently had arisen and walked a few steps and then had fallen. His footprints were found in the mud. The coroner was unable to determine the immediate cause of Dent's death.

AMENDMENT TO  
RECLAMATION  
ACT SOUGHT

Land Owners Meet In Stock-  
ton And Name  
Committee

COAST HIGHWAY  
COMMITTEE WILL  
MEET TOMORROW

HANFORD (Kings Co.), Dec. 25.—The meeting of the committee on organization of the Sierra-to-the-Sea Highway will be held at the Hanford Board of Trade tomorrow afternoon.

Stringfellow, of Hanford, proposed that meeting will be held at Highway Commissioner Charles A. Whitmore's office.

Numerous proposals were made

during the discussion. One land owner proposed that the state reclama-

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the San Joaquin delta be excluded

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TIME EXTENDED  
ON DELINQUENT  
DISTRICT TAXES

Rattlesnake Killed By  
Drumm Valley Rancher

Consolidated Assessments

Due To-day; Many Pay-

ments Coming In

Death Claims Mrs. Vera  
Staggs, Maderan; Last  
Rite To Be In Fresno

MADEIRA (Madera Co.), Dec. 25.—Funeral services for Mrs. Vera S. Staggs, who died Saturday in Madera, will take place in Fresno and will be conducted by the Mission Catholic Church. The date will be announced later.

Mrs. Staggs was 22 and a native of this state. She leaves her husband, D. G. Staggs, a son, William Staggs, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Swift, her brother, Mrs. M. J. Adams, a brother, William Swift, and five sisters, Mrs. Minnie Miller, Mrs. Alice Powers, Mrs. Madeline Miller, Mrs. Gertrude and Mrs. Velma Swift, all of Madera.

Appointment Comes  
As Christmas Gift  
To Dinuba Man

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EXETER OFFICE FORCE  
WORKS ALL DAY SUNDAY

EXETER (Tulare Co.), Dec. 25.—The Exeter post office force worked all day Sunday and until late last night in an effort to clear up the Christmas mail which had accumulated. As a result a full holiday is being taken today.

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VISALIA (Tulare Co.), Dec. 25.—The customers Christmas holiday is being observed by the Consolidated Irrigation District here, and although the office is closed, the first installment of 1922 taxes becomes delinquent at 6 P. M. to-day, due to the observance of the holiday, the time has been extended to 6 P. M. Tuesday, December 26th.

The directors and officers of the district, realizing that during this the first day of the month, many tax payers have overlooked paying the tax, have recently mailed a general notice to all land owners who had failed to mail in their tax to make remittance.

Remittances are coming in by mail in large numbers and it is expected that there will be very few delinquents on Wednesday morning.

The law provides a 10 per cent penalty for failure to pay the tax if not paid prior to the expiration of the legal time.

The district embraces 1,000 square miles of land in Tulare, Fresno, Madera and Fresno counties.

Mothers-to-be Standard Oil Co. of California, Parker, laborer, was shot yesterday from behind by two men newly formed friends who charged him as he was passing the Kehl's Avenue Bridge Saturday night. Parker was shot in the head and died at 10:30 P. M. Saturday night.

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# FINANCE-BUSINESS-MARKETS

## Investors Warned To Beware Blind Pool

By JOHN K. BARNES  
Financial Editor World's Work and The Century Magazine

BIG KEY shop operators are keeping quiet just now. They have had a bad season; many of them have failed, and a few, bankrupted and the stock exchanges, influenced by public opinion, are still running for them; but unless some of these cases have been brought into court are given severer treatment than now seems likely, the bucket shops will have to close as soon as public attention is directed away from them.

### Bucket Pool Is Mope

It is a mope that is taking hold of the people. It is a mope that is to be remedied.

Persons are tempted to give up money to persons they know nothing about for inane speculations, which are not even worth the paper they are written on.

Many operators of these bucket pools have been using the most active of the practices on the part of persons that fall into their hands. They range from good to highly successful business.

When the officers of Winthrop Smith & Company were directed recently in New York, the government attorney, at the preliminary hearing given to Dr. Leonard K. Shiffner, the guiding spirit of this concern, said that it was responsible for over \$100,000 of its clients' money.

During the next two weeks eight of these blind pool concerns, operating in the cities of the East and sending their seductive literature by mail throughout the country, went out of business, largely due to the pressure brought to bear on them by the Pitts' Committee of Baltimore and the Better Business Bureau of New York City, and the record book of the amount of money that had taken from the public.

Attractive bait used

The bait that these concerns used to bring in 10 per cent per month on your money," Wintrop Smith & Company said in their advertising that certain pool members had received 10 per cent in six months.

The Fidelity Finance Company, another of the failed concerns, was in the process of a closure month in an effort to get a new window to "invest" at least \$100 with them. Maurice M. Wolff, another who brazenly printed the names of E. L. Louis & Company and the Bradstreet Company on his literature as references and gave in detail what he claimed were the monthly earnings of his clients for twenty-four months on each \$100 deposited by them.

Assured big dividends

If these concerns can well afford to pay large monthly dividends it by so doing they can influence people to send in more money. As long as the amount coming in exceeds the amount paid out, they are ahead of the game.

These dividends are not made by the concerns, but by those who have a successful system for making continuous profits in stock market speculation, as they would like their clients to believe, and they held the secret of it, they would already be rich men and not bothering to entice widows and others to send in their \$100 to them.

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"We bring the nations of the earth here to Washington to such a conference we will dump into America's lap the economic ills of Europe and the reparations middle if officially we sit down with the other nations who meet at our invitation and reach an understanding and agreement, we are honor bound to carry out and execute that agreement politically and administratively to carry out our agreement to enforce reparations that instant we abandon the traditional policy of America. We become a part of the European scheme of things and we enter upon that course from which we have so recently escaped and which our people so overwhelmingly repudiated."

Would involve U. S.

"We cannot officially enter into agreements with the nations of Europe for the solution of Europe's present economic ills without being involved politically. It's true we have troops on the Rhine, but administration claims they are there under the armistice. They ought to be brought home. It's a fact we have observers in Europe, even as I think wrongfully, under existing conditions and our observers in Europe is a vastly different thing from keeping all Europe to come to Washington to reach understandings and agreements in which officially we participate and assist in good faith we must not do so."

The difference is the difference between the policy of Woodrow Wilson and that endorsed and approved by the American people in December.

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Among the adopted proposals are the making of the new arterial roads throughout the country, in particular one from Manchester to Liverpool, which will employ 22,000 men for many months.

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